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Application No.: 09/891,471)	Group Art Unit: 2653
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Filed: June 27, 2001)	Examiner: A. Psitos
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For: PICKUP DEVICE FOR RECORDING)	
OR REPRODUCING INFORMATION)	
TO AND FROM A MULTI-LAYERED)	
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING A)	
PHOTODETECTOR WITH A)	
NORMALIZED DETECTOR SIZE)	
(As Amended))	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application.

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Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office dated October 4, 2004 in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

The Search Report also lists U.S. Patent No. 5,859,824, U.S. Patent No. 6,031,792, EP 0 605 924, EP 0 776 003, JP 11-306661, WO 00/08638, one article by H.A. Wierenga, and one article by Narahara et al., which are not listed because these documents were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 9, 2004.

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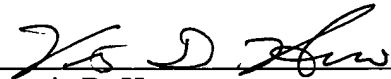
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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W0 96/06427	Feb. 29, 1996	PCT				
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